



# Limitation Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 58

### PART I

#### ORDINARY TIME LIMITS FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES OF ACTION

##### *Actions founded on simple contract*

#### **5 Time limit for actions founded on simple contract.**

An action founded on simple contract shall not be brought after the expiration of six years from the date on which the cause of action accrued.

##### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 5 extended (11.11.1999 with effect as mentioned in [s. 10\(2\)\(3\)](#) of the amending Act) by [1999 c. 31, ss. 7\(3\), 10\(2\)\(3\)](#)

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>5A Additional time limit for actions for damages for late payment of insurance claims**

- (1) An action in respect of breach of the term implied into a contract of insurance by section 13A of the Insurance Act 2015 (late payment of claims) may not be brought after the expiration of one year from the date on which the insurer has paid all the sums referred to in subsection (1) of that section.
- (2) Any payment which extinguishes an insurer's liability to pay a sum referred to in section 13A of the Insurance Act 2015 is to be treated for the purposes of this section as payment of that sum.]

##### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 5A inserted (4.5.2017) by [Enterprise Act 2016 \(c. 12\), ss. 30, 44\(3\)](#) (with [s. 44\(3\)](#))

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Limitation Act 1980, Cross Heading: Actions founded on simple contract. (See end of Document for details)*

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## **6 Special time limit for actions in respect of certain loans.**

(1) Subject to subsection (3) below, section 5 of this Act shall not bar the right of action on a contract of loan to which this section applies.

(2) This section applies to any contract of loan which—

- (a) does not provide for repayment of the debt on or before a fixed or determinable date; and
- (b) does not effectively (whether or not it purports to do so) make the obligation to repay the debt conditional on a demand for repayment made by or on behalf of the creditor or on any other matter;

except where in connection with taking the loan the debtor enters into any collateral obligation to pay the amount of the debt or any part of it (as, for example, by delivering a promissory note as security for the debt) on terms which would exclude the application of this section to the contract of loan if they applied directly to repayment of the debt.

(3) Where a demand in writing for repayment of the debt under a contract of loan to which this section applies is made by or on behalf of the creditor (or, where there are joint creditors, by or on behalf of any one of them) section 5 of this Act shall thereupon apply as if the cause of action to recover the debt had accrued on the date on which the demand was made.

(4) In this section “promissory note” has the same meaning as in the <sup>M1</sup>Bills of Exchange Act 1882.

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### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1882 c. 61(13)

## **7 Time limit for actions to enforce certain awards.**

An action to enforce an award, where the submission is not by an instrument under seal, shall not be brought after the expiration of six years from the date on which the cause of action accrued.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Limitation Act 1980, Cross Heading:  
Actions founded on simple contract.